

Cabinet and close advisers. Unlike judicial nominees, the EPA Administrator will serve for 4 years at the President's discretion.

Furthermore, the President made a good choice. Stephen Johnson, who has served the country for 24 years as a career EPA employee, is a well-qualified nominee who enjoys broad public support. When his nomination was considered by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee this spring, the committee approved his nomination by a vote of 17-1. He will serve the country well as Administrator of the EPA.

I share my colleagues' concerns about the administration's refusal to provide the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee with EPA's analysis of the clean air bills pending before the Senate. I am proud to cosponsor Senator JEFFORDS' Clean Power Act, and I believe that the administration's Clear Skies proposal is woefully inadequate. I agree that the information Senator CARPER has requested from EPA is vitally important to evaluate the differing clean air regulation proposals. EPA's refusal to turn over its analysis indicates that its own data do not lend support to the Clear Skies initiative. Disclosure of Government data to the public is a cornerstone of our democracy, and this administration has continually attempted to avoid congressional oversight. I implore Mr. Johnson, on his first day as EPA Administrator, to turn over these documents to the Senator CARPER and Senator JEFFORDS. To restore credibility to the agency that is supposed to safeguard human health and the environment, Administrator Johnson should release this information immediately.

Nonetheless, I do not believe that the administration's refusal to provide this information should stand in the way of this qualified nominee leading the Nation's Environmental Protection Agency.

#### SOUTH MOUNTAIN PEACE ACTION

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to praise a group of my constituents working toward the noble goal of peace. This group is called South Mountain Peace Action, and its members are active in Maplewood and South Orange, NJ. Peace Action members have circulated a petition in their community about the war in Iraq. The petition was signed by more than 1,200 concerned New Jerseyans, so I think it is important for Congress to take note of their actions.

The Peace Action petition discusses the staggering costs of the Iraq War, both in terms of American lives and taxpayer dollars. As of today, more than 1,600 American troops have died and nearly 12,000 have been wounded in action. We have now lost over 50 people with ties to New Jersey. I have attended several funerals for New Jersey's fallen soldiers, and each funeral is

a difficult, emotional experience. I have also been to Walter Reed Army Hospital and I have seen firsthand the debilitating injuries suffered by our troops.

The taxpayer costs of the war are also staggering. So far, the war and reconstruction of Iraq have cost more than \$200 billion, and the spigot of taxpayer funds continues to run. Originally, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld told us that war in Iraq would cost "under \$50 billion," but due to a lack of planning and terrible decisions by the Bush administration, the costs are skyrocketing.

This war is tainted by the faulty information that the President provided the Nation and the world about Saddam Hussein's supposed stockpile of weapons of mass destruction. But our troops are there and we must support them. And, in my view, we must work to stabilize Iraq and bring our troops home as soon as possible.

Thanks to groups such as Peace Action, our communities are speaking up about the costs of this war. I hope that their activism will bring positive results for our Nation and for our troops in Iraq and their families.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### TRIBUTE TO KIP JANVRIN

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a native Iowan and a remarkable athletic champion, Kip Janvrin. Late last month, just 3 months shy of his 40th birthday, he accomplished the amazing feat of winning the decathlon at the Drake Relays for the 15th time. Overall, Kip has finished 85 of the 88 decathlons he has entered since 1983. He has won 38 of them, which is a world record.

The Drake Relays are one of the Nation's most prestigious track and field events, held each spring at Drake Stadium in Des Moines. This year, the 96th annual Drake Relays, Kip took the field for the last time in an event, the decathlon, that he has dominated at Drake for 22 years.

Over the years, the words Drake Relays and Kip Janvrin have become virtually synonymous. From Jesse Owens to Wilma Rudolph, Gwen Torrance, Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson, the Drake Relays have seen almost all of the great Olympians in track and field. But one Olympian, Kip Janvrin, has been a dominant presence for more than two decades, competing in what is arguably the most grueling and demanding event in all of sports.

If the cheers at Drake are especially loud for Kip, it is because he is a native son of Iowa, raised in Panorama and a graduate of Simpson College in Indianola. It is fitting that the last year for the original Drake Stadium will also be the last year that this

American original competes in the Relays.

Kip is one of the top-ranked decathletes in the world, and he is the oldest active U.S. competitor in this extraordinarily demanding event. The decathlon is a 10-event competition which takes place over 2 days. It includes the 100-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400 meter dash, 110 meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1,500 meter run. Kip began competing in the decathlon in 1983, and quickly excelled in all 10 events.

While attending Simpson College, Kip competed many times in the Drake Relays. His first victory came in 1987. His 15 championships at the Drake Relays are the most by any athlete in the history of that event. In 1998, he was inducted into the Drake Relays Hall of Fame. During his years at Simpson, he earned three NCAA titles in the decathlon, and two more NCAA titles in individual events. He was inducted into the Simpson Hall of Fame in 1998, and the NCAA Division III Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2004.

Kip's accomplishments are nothing short of amazing. He holds the world records in career victories, in scores over 7,000 points, and in consecutive finishes. He also holds the world record for the double decathlon, a demanding event involving every event in track and field, except for the marathon and walks.

Kip won the decathlon at the 1995 Pan American Games. As a member of the U.S. Olympic team at the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia, he was the oldest decathlete ever to compete for the United States. In 2001, he won the decathlon at the USA Outdoor Championships. Last year, Kip came in second at the Drake Relays, the first time in 9 years that he did not come in first. However, Kip took the loss in stride, because the victor was his protégé, Travis Goepfert, also a native of Panorama, IA.

Kip is currently in his 15th year as co-head coach at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. He and his wife, Teresa, have two sons, Jaxon, age 9, and Mason, age 7.

So as Kip Janvrin savors a victory in his final Drake Relays, I extend my congratulations and best wishes. With his self discipline, his commitment to excellence, and his enormous human decency, he represents Iowa at its very best. Win or lose, he has always been a true champion.●

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#### CELEBRATION OF SEX DIFFERENCES IN HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, May 8 to 14 is National Women's Health Week and a time that we should take a careful look at the state of women's health in this country and in particular look at the lack of equality that still exist